

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is a blatant attempt to manipulate the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Yet they are clearly attempting to use their power to further their conservative political agenda at the expense of that obligation to be fair.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The fewer broadcasters there are, the more likely it will be that they will try to use the airways to further their own agendas. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.